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Senate Unit to Destroy Leaflet on Subversion

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The Senate internal security subcommittee has decided to destroy the undistributed copies of a study that describes the Quaker-sponsored American Friends Service Committee as "a transmission belt for the Communist apparatus."

In response to a query, a spokesman for the subcommittee vice chairman, Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.), said it "can be taken for granted" that the remaining copies will be burned or otherwise destroyed.

Dodd had halted distribution of the pamphlet shortly after its publication last month. Before that, however, the subcommittee had sent about half of the approximately 5000 copies to persons on its mailing list.

Entitled "The Techniques of Soviet Propaganda," the study had provoked considerable criticism because of statements alleging Communist influence on the Friends Committee, the Ford Foundation and supporters of the nuclear test-ban treaty.

Repudiated by 2 Senators

Since the study's publication, two subcommittee members, Dodd and Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D-N.C.), have publicly dissociated themselves from the statement, saying they did not see the study before it was published.

The study bears a glowing forward by the subcommittee chairman, Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss.), calling it "the best exposition of the subject

which has yet come to my attention." Senate sources said, however, that except for Eastland none of the subcommittee's nine members saw the study before publication.

The document is a revised version of a study originally published by the subcommittee in 1960. Both the original and new versions were written by Suzanne Labin, a French journalist who has published several books of an anti-Communist nature.

In 1960, the original text won the approval of the full subcommittee including Dodd, who says he saw nothing objectionable in that version. It quickly went through several printings and because of continuing demand, the subcommittee recently authorized a new printing.

Dodd and other subcommittee members say they were under the impression that the latest printing would utilize the 1960 text. Instead what came off the presses was a substantially revised and expanded version by Miss Labin.

The subcommittee's members and its staff have refused to comment on how the new text came to be published without formal clearance by the members. Senate sources have indicated, however, that publication was authorized by Jay G. Sourwine, chief counsel of the subcommittee.

Sourwine, a long-time subcommittee employe and associate of Eastland, has been attacked frequently in the past for ascribing Communist ties to various individuals and organizations.

In its present form, the study contains a detailed descrip-

tion of how Communist agents allegedly attempt to use newspapers, schools, religious movements and political groups of every persuasion for the dissemination of propaganda.

Cultural Exchange Hit

Its tone is uncompromisingly anti-Communist and frowns on such devices as cultural exchanges, trade agreements, and visits to free countries by Communist leaders as a playing into the hands of Communist propagandists. Among the statements that have provoked complaints are these:

"In the United States, the powerful American Friends Service Committee shelters half of the pacifist groups. Miss Marion Miller, a former FBI underground agent in the Communist Party, testified that much of the propaganda literature of the Peace Committee was written within, and distributed by this AFSC, well known as a transmission belt for the Communist apparatus."

"From the offices of numerous institutes in Asia and Latin America, subsidized by the respectable Ford Foundation, certain distinguished sociologists persistently abuse the United States and praise the U.S.S.R."

In addition to halting distribution, Dodd has let it be known that the subcommittee's internal practices have been revised to prevent publication of any documents that have not been reviewed and approved by the full membership.